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TO:

Each Supervisor

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FROM:

Cynthia D. Banks, Director

SUBJECT:

JUNE 21, 2011 AGENDA: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM -

ALTERNATE FUNDING REPORT

On June 21, 2011, your Board approved the allocation of funds for the Youth Employment Program and instructed the CEO and this department to report back during Supplemental Changes identifying alternative funding sources preferably from State or federal to continue this program in the future.

We believe that the prospects for finding alternative federal and State funding for a youth employment program are limited at this time due to the large shortfall facing both the federal and State governments.

CSS will again pursue a waiver with the state for the use of WIA Youth Formula funds to operate a summer program next year. If the waiver is approved, CSS is proposing to use any unspent funds from the WIA youth program. The amount available is likely to be minimal and it would only be offered to eligible CalWORKs youth living in cities and unincorporated areas covered by the County's Workforce Investment Board.

There is a potential for not having a summer youth program should federal or State funds not become available, either through the waiver or the American Jobs Act.

We will work with the CEO Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs to continue to seek alternative funding sources and keep your Board informed of matters at the State or federal level that pertain to the American Jobs Act.

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